

# Policy Statement

The Diocese values and encourages the participation of children and young people in parish liturgies and in activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional and social development. The Diocese recognises the dignity and rights of all children and is committed to their protection and support.

The Diocese undertakes to do all in its power to create a safe environment for children and young people and to ensure their protection from neglect, physical, sexual and emotional abuse.

The Diocese is committed to:

1. **MINIMISING RISKS**, in order to safeguard the interests of children and young people
2. **Ensuring** that paid employees and volunteer workers are carefully recruited, selected, trained, supported and supervised.
3. **SUPPORTING** all victims of abuse.
4. Ensuring that offenders become **ACCOUNTABLE** for their actions
5. Working closely with statutory authorities to ensure that all allegations of abuse are dealt with **JUSTLY AND PROMPTLY**.

If you have any concerns about the welfare of children or young people, please contact one of the following:

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**Our Diocesan Child Protection Policy aims to ensure a safe environment, where risks are minimised, where those affected by abuse are supported, where offenders are brought to account and where all allegations are dealt with justly and promptly.**